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Amendment
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Remarks

This amendment is in response to the office action dated **February 4, 2003**. In response to the office action, applicant has added the appropriate headings to the application; submitted a sheet of drawings as requested by the Examiner and amended the claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 4-5, 10, 13, 17-18 and 28-29 in independent form to place claims 2-18 and 28-29 in condition for allowance. Applicant has also changed the dependence of claims 19, 23, 27 and 30 from claim 1 to allowable claim 2.

Please charge the excess small entity claim fees for 7 independent claims, or \$294.00, to deposit account 22-0350.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §112 rejection to "a control range"; "a working range" and "nipper insert halves". A careful review of the specification shows that the terminology "a control range" and "a working range" actually refers to structure with the word "range" meaning "part". While an awkward translation, a person of ordinary skill in the art would easily understand claimed invention from the specification. The word "range" does not refer to a range of values, but to actual structure. Similarly, it is clear from the specification that "nipper insert halves" refer to two parts 13 which are pivotally connected, as is made clear by the specification.

Claims 2-30 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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